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SUBJECT: IRANIAN SPY RING IN IRAQ

1. IRAQI NEWS AGENCY REPORT ALLEGING THAT IRANIAN SPY RING HAD BEEN UNCOVERED BY IRAQI AUTHORITIES RECEIVED MODERATE COVERAGE IN PAPERS AND ON TV OCTOBER 12 ONLY. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FOLLOW UP STORIES, NO EDITORIAL COMMENT, NOR ANY OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. INA REPORTED THAT HEAD OF SPY RING WAS YADALLAH ALI QAMBAR AL-QANAWATI, TWENTY EIGHT YEARS OLD, WHO CONFESSED ALL. DOCUMENTATION SEIZED ALLEGEDLY INCLUDED INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISSEMINATING INFORMATION TO DEEPEN SECTARIANISM AMONG THE PEOPLE. ONE MEMBER OF RING ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING INFORMATION ON ARMED FORCES. ALL MEMBERS OF SPY RING (NUMBER NOT REVEALED) TO BE TRIED.

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3. IN PERHAPS RELATED DEVELOPMENT INA ANNOUNCED OCT 13
THAT RCC HAD PROMULGATED LAW STIPULATING DEATH PENALTY FOR
IRAQI CITIZENS OR FOREIGN RESIDENTS CONVICTED OF SPYING
FOR FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION.
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